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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2014 MEETING

Present: Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Michael Stern.

Absent: Adria Arch, Brad Barber, Kathleen Bodie, Claire Carswell, Adam Chapdelaine, Joe Connelly, Dan Dunn, Andrew Fischer, Danuta Forbes, David Garbarino, Leba Heigham, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Gail McCormick, Cheryl Miller, Brucie Moulton, Angela Olszewski, Steve Ricci, David White.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- Meeting dates: Joey noted that the official Town bulletin board next to the Clerk's office was getting too crowded with all the meeting dates and agendas being posted. Only agendas should be posted there since they are required by the Open Meeting law. Committee chairs should circulate their meeting dates to committee members. Elizabeth has drafted a grid with meeting dates of the active committees. She will circulate it to committee chairs and ask them to correct and complete it for general distribution.
- Warrant article: Jane circulated the text of last year's article requesting \$50,000 for the water bodies fund, and the spreadsheet on this fund which Teresa DeBenedictis prepared for yesterday's Spy Pond committee meeting. The same article requesting the same amount is proposed for this year, with the same groups being asked to sponsor it: Standing Committee, the three environmental committees, and the Con Com. The Standing Committee agreed unanimously.
- Vision 2020 budget: Mary and Gordon Jamieson drafted a budget. Mary, Brucie, and Joey met with the Town Manager, who wants to include Vision 2020 in the appropriations process for Town committees. Josh moved and the committee voted to submit a formal request for up to \$5000 for FY15. (This does not include the cost of printing the census survey.) Bruce Fitzsimmons offered to draft the language to submit to the Finance Committee.
- Census Survey replies have already started to come in, along with some positive comments.
- Mary has submitted the Vision 2020 report for the Town's annual report.
- The *Arlington Advocate* had an article in December which included the Town goals. Michael Stern plans a press release on the revival of the Education Task Group. Jane plans to meet next week with the new editor, Eileen Kennedy, mostly about public art.
- The **Public Art** group will meet on February 1 and is trying to get a speaker on working with government entities. It has three projects in the works: (1) Painting five large transformer boxes around town in the spring, (2) Art Rocks Menotomy, displays in the park May 3 26, (3) another "Chairful" event around the end of July.